

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A yard waste bag loading assembly comprising:
 - a base having dimensions to accommodate a yard waste bag therein, the yard waste bag having an opening;
 - a plurality of vertical supports extending from said base to a height to accommodate the yard waste bag; and
 - a funnel hingeably secured to at least one of said plurality of vertical supports, said funnel having a mouth greater than the bag opening size.
2. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said base is square.
3. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said base is a closed shape selected from the group consisting of: circular, triangular, and higher than four-sided polygonal.
4. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said base has an open side.
5. (Currently Amended) ~~The A yard waste bag loading assembly of claim 1 comprising:~~
a base having dimensions to accommodate a yard waste bag therein, the yard waste bag having an opening;
a plurality of vertical supports extending from said base to a height to accommodate the yard waste bag; and

a funnel hingeably secured to at least one of said plurality of vertical supports, said funnel having a mouth greater than the bag opening size;

wherein said funnel comprises a support frame and a fabric wall supported from said frame.

6. (Original) The assembly of claim 5 further comprising a spout secured to said fabric wall.

7. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said funnel is a unitary construct.

8. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said funnel is hexagonal.

9. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said funnel has a shape selected from the group consisting of: circular, triangular, and higher than four-sided polygonal.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The funnel of claim 8 A yard waste bag loading assembly comprising:~~

a base having dimensions to accommodate a yard waste bag therein, the yard waste bag having an opening;

a plurality of vertical supports extending from said base to a height to accommodate the yard waste bag; and

a hexagonal funnel hingeably secured to at least one of said plurality of vertical supports, said hexagonal funnel having a mouth greater than the bag opening size;

wherein a first side is hinged and said hexagonal funnel is supported on at least one side not adjacent to said first side.

11. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim 10 wherein said ~~frame~~ funnel is supported on both nonadjacent sides adjoining sides adjacent to the first side.

12. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said base is formed of tubular linear pieces joined by elbow fittings.

13. (Original) The assembly of claim 12 wherein said tubular linear pieces are plastic.

14. (Original) The assembly of claim 5 wherein said funnel frame is formed of tubular linear pieces joined by elbow fittings.

15. (Original) The assembly of claim 14 wherein said tubular linear pieces are plastic.

16. (Original) The assembly of claim 5 wherein a vertical support top has a split tube cradle adapted to receive a portion of said funnel frame.

17. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 further comprising a wheel rotatably secured to said base.

18. (Original) An assembly according to claim 1 further comprising a screen bag support secured to said base.